

July 19, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were: Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer
Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman Barry Soudelier
Chris Domangue Scott LeBlanc
Ray Mayet Francis Richard
Dale Dennis Jake Giardina

Absent were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman Donald Schwab
Lance Authement

Also present were: Josh Bordelon; Henry & Hattie Templet, Bayou Rowing
Ryan Perque, FOBL; Capt. Jake Stahl; Ernie Blanchard; Barry Marionneaux, Attorney
Ben Malbrough, Executive Director; Heather Armstrong, Admin.Assistant

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell began the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell stated that public comments can be made at any time in the meeting prior to action on any agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of June 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Dale Dennis, seconded by Commissioner Scott LeBlanc to approve the accounts payable report. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Dale Dennis, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to approve the finance report for June 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the pump station is syphoning and pumping, and Bayou operations are normal.

Commissioner Ray Mayet read the corrected Resolution No. 2021-01, in full, to adopt the Terrebonne Parish millage rate of 2.08 for the tax year 2021. Resolution No. 2021-01 was adopted at last months board meeting but had a format correction and was read again to correct the official record. He asked for any public comments on Resolution No.2021-01 and there were none.

Moved by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to adopt Resolution No. 2021-01 with the corrected format for the Terrebonne Parish millage rate of 2.08 for tax year 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated the Pump Capacity Improvements Project is still progressing and working through the mitigation process.

Mr. Malbrough announced a Change Order No.3 for the Weir Removal Project to upgrade the previous ADA accessible boardwalk design to include painted aluminum decking and handrails and increased treatment on timber piles for an amount not to exceed \$60,080.00, and he recommends its approval.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to approve the upgrades to the previous ADA accessible boardwalk design to include painted aluminum decking and handrails and increased treatment on timber piles for an amount not to exceed \$60,080.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough discussed a Professional Services Contract with Claitor & Chabert, LLC for the procurement of government relations, strategic planning, lobbying and related services for the remaining components of the MRRBL Project, in the amount of \$1,500.00 per month for six months. Services on an “as needed basis” thereafter.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan to authorize Mr. Malbrough to execute the Professional Services Contract with Claitor & Chabert, LLC for services related to remaining components of the MRRBL Project in the amount of \$1,500.00 per month. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated he is asking for approval to negotiate a Professional Design Services Agreement with HighTide, LLC for the Melodia Boat Launch, amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to approve the negotiation of a Professional Design Services Agreement with HighTide, LLC for the Melodia Boat Launch, amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ryan Perque gave an update on the Friends of Bayou Lafourche as follows:

- Nicholls Bayouside project moving along well
- Napoleonville Project making progress
- Melodia Boat Launch progressing
- Weir Removal Boat Parade soon
- Social Media - Podcast

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell asked for any public comments.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer